

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

-1-(Currently Amended)

A golf putter having a shaft with a grip at a proximal end and a head at a distal end of the shaft for contacting a golf ball on the ground during putting of the golf ball, the improvement in the head which comprises:

an elongate flat blade having opposed ends, with a top side and a bottom side, and a first linear edge extending therebetween, wherein the top side of the blade is mounted on the distal end of the shaft and the first linear edge acts as a striking face for the golf ball and strikes the golf ball in an essentially linear contact area horizontal to the ground and wherein a single weight is mounted on the bottom side and away from the opposed ends of the blade so as to be adjacent to and on opposite parts of a center of the first linear edge of the blade to increase an impact of the striking face of the blade with the ball and shift the center of mass of the putter head

down and back from the striking face of the blade.

-2-(Original)

The putter of Claim 1 wherein the head is configured so that during use the striking face is optimally aligned to the golf ball along a horizontal plane of the ball.

-3-(Original)

The putter of Claim 1 wherein the striking face is sharp, pointed, flat, or curved.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

-5-(Original)

The putter of Claim 1 wherein the striking face is curved with a radius of curvature less than a radius of the golf ball.

-6-(Original)

The putter of Claim 1 wherein the striking face is capable of striking the golf ball at, above, or below a median of the golf ball.

-7-(Currently Amended)

A golf putter having a shaft with a grip at a proximal end and a head at a distal end of the shaft for contacting a golf ball on the ground during putting of the golf ball, the improvement in the head which comprises:

(a) an elongate flat blade having opposed ends, with a top side and a bottom side, and a first linear edge extending therebetween, wherein the top side of the blade is mounted on the distal end of the shaft and the first linear edge acts as a striking face for the golf ball and strikes the golf ball in an essentially linear contact area horizontal to the ground; and

(b) a single runner provided on the bottom side of the blade away from the opposed ends of the blade so as to be adjacent to and on opposite parts of a center of the first linear edge of the blade, wherein during putting, the runner acts to space the bottom side of the blade from the ground, wherein the runner has a weight which increases an impact of the striking face of the blade with the ball and shifts the center of mass of the putter head down and back from the striking face of the blade.

Claims 8-10 (Cancelled).

-11-(Original)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the bottom of the head is provided with a convexly rounded semicircular protrusion extending from the blade as the runner.

-12-(Currently Amended)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the head is the metal or metal substitute.

Johnson 4.1-1
Appl. No. 10/672,185
Amdt. dated February 3, 2005
Reply to Office Action of October 05, 2004

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

-14-(Original)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the shaft of the putter is mounted on the top side of the blade adjacent to the first linear edge where the edge strikes the ball.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

-16-(Original)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the striking face is less than about 0.25 inch (6.4 mm) thick between the sides defining the first linear edge.

-17-(Original)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the head is configured so that during use the striking face is optimally aligned to the golf ball along a horizontal plane of the ball.

-18-(Original)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the striking face is sharp, pointed, flat, or curved.

Claim 19 (Cancelled).

-20-(Original)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the striking face is curved with a radius of curvature less than a radius of the golf ball.

-21-(Original)

The putter of any one of Claims 7, 8 or 9 wherein the striking face is capable of striking the golf ball at, above, or below a median of the golf ball.

Claim 22-29 (Cancelled).

-30- (New)

The golf putter of Claim 1 wherein the weight comprises a hollow right cylindrical segment mounted on the bottom side of the elongate flat blade.

-31- (New)

The golf putter of Claim 7 wherein the runner comprises a hollow right cylindrical segment mounted on the bottom side of the elongate flat blade.